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BOILER LETS GO; FIVE ARE KILLED

Steamboat Wrecked Five Miles Below Pittsburg

Eight Thrilling Rescues—Master Among Those Hurled To Eternity When Steamer Diamond Is Blown Up At Entrance To Davis Island Dam In Ohio River—Body Of One Victim Found In Barge—Two Of The Wounded May Not Survive Injuries

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 4.—When the steamer Diamond was blown to pieces by a boiler explosion in the Ohio river near Davis Island dam, five miles below this city, five men, including the master of the vessel, were killed, two more injured, and eight were rescued in a thrilling manner.

The dead: Captain Edward Swaney, master of the vessel, of this city; James Friel, deckhand, of Hazelwood, body recovered from a barge into which it was blown; Thomas Cunningham, fireman, of this city; Thomas Mershon, engineer of the vessel, of Hazelwood; Joseph Hagen, fireman, of this city.

The injured: Charles Hays, pilot, badly burned and crushed; Ben Williams, mate, scalded and burned.

Captain Swaney was 44 years old and leaves a widow and eight children. Only one body has been recovered, a victim who was hurled into a barge that was being towed up stream. The others are lost in the tangled iron and timbers of the vessel, which sank almost immediately in mid-stream. The fact that many members of the crew were asleep above decks prevented all hands from being lost in the disaster, which was one of the worst in the history of the Pittsburgh harbor.

Divers Hard at Work.
Divers and an army of rivermen are working frantically to locate his body and those of three others. Hays and Williams suffered terrible injuries and both are expected to die.

Heroic efforts on the part of the crew on the towboat Allee resulted in the rescue of the other eight members of the crew. The Diamond,

which was owned by the Diamond Coal company, took a tow of coal boats to East Liverpool. She was returning up stream when the disaster occurred.

Under a slow head of steam the vessel was preparing to enter the locks at the dam when there came a terrific explosion and the forward part raised high in the waters. Giant timbers snapped like matchwood and were sent flying into the river. Almost immediately the diamond began to sink.

The Allee proceeded at once for midstream and the crew started in lifeboats for the demolished steamer. High above the decks, almost naked, were eight of the survivors signalling for help. Snow was falling heavily and almost blinded the men in the smaller boats.

The eight were taken on with much difficulty, and the body of Friel was found in a barge at the stern of the boat. Hays and Williams also were taken off and rushed to the Allee. Later the two injured men were taken to Bellevue hospital.

TREASURES BURNED UP

Fire at Indian Durbar Camp Destroys Governor's Quarters.

Delhi, India, Dec. 4.—The reception rooms and the governor of the Punjab's quarters at the durbar camp were destroyed by fire. Some of the most valuable tapestries, carpets, silver table services and ornaments intended for use during the crowning of King George as emperor of India were burned.

Bombard Sheikh Said Fort.

Perth, Dec. 4.—An Italian warship is bombarding the Sheikh Said fort on the Arabian coast.

American Consulate In Tripoli; Italian Soldiers Pitching Tents

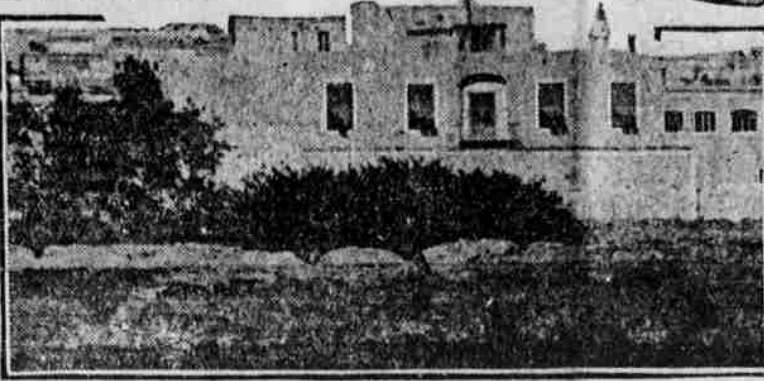


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WHILE many observers have given testimony as to the cruelty of the Italian troops in punishing what the Italians term the "treachery" of the Arabs who sought to retake Tripoli by a guerrilla attack, some of the same correspondents praise highly the courage of the soldiers of the invading force. "For sheer, cold, unemotional daring," says one of them, "I have never seen anything to equal it. I saw some fine sights and steady coolness in the South African campaign, but everything has been eclipsed by what I saw in Tripoli." This tribute is from an English correspondent too. Whatever may be the truth about the situation in Tripoli, concealed in large part, as it doubtless is, by the rigid censorship enforced by the Italian military administration, there can be little doubt that the city is not now a desirable place of residence, with the terrors of cholera added to those of war. Yet the American consul, John Q. Wood, refused to leave his post when the commander of the United States scout cruiser Chester put into the harbor and offered to take him to a place of safety. Instead he declared himself willing to forego his annual month's leave of absence. The photograph above gives some idea of the surroundings in which Mr. Wood has chosen to spend his vacation.

BIG COLLIER BEACHED RAMMED BY FREIGHTER

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 4.—The United States naval collier Sterling, rammed by the steamer Dorothy, was run ashore near Cape Henry to save her from sinking in deep water, and lies almost high and dry. The collier, coming down the Chesapeake light, midway between Capes Henry and Charles turned to come to Norfolk,

when she collided with the Dorothy. A naval tug was dispatched from the Norfolk yard and took off the crew of the Sterling. The Dorothy, which went into the Sterling head-on, cutting into a hold of the collier, lies at the bowdock here leaking and with her bow badly smashed.

CHICAGO IS FAVORITE FOR BOTH CONVENTIONS

Washington, Dec. 4.—According to statements made here it has been practically decided that the Republican and Democratic conventions of 1912 shall be held in Chicago. That city is favored for convention purposes by the leaders of both parties. For a time it was believed the Democrats would meet in Baltimore, but the Baltimore boom seems to have fallen by the wayside. The indications

are that the Republicans will decide to meet in Chicago the last week in June and the Democrats early in July.

Alleged Conspirators Arrested.
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 4.—Fourteen men, including Dr. Rafael Molina, were arrested here, charged with conspiring against the Madero government.

AVERAGE RATE WITHIN LIMIT

Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—Although the striking of a general average rate of all the taxing districts of the state would show it probably is within the 10-mill rate limit, all except eight of 120 of the largest municipalities have exceeded the 1 per cent limitation in their levies for this year. A 1 per cent rate everywhere, tax officials believe, is near.

Relief for Watchman.
Rellefontaine, O., Dec. 4.—Degraft, Ohio's model town, whose night watchman recently was discharged because the town had not had use for an officer's duties for four years, is astonished as the result of a raid by burglars. Masked men robbed the safes in four stores and a grain elevator and escaped with booty valued at \$5,000.

CONFESSES MURDER

Dayton, O., Dec. 4.—After putting up a bluff that he had attempted to prevent the suicide of Charles Frederick in a lonely cabin north of here, John Flaney finally confessed that he and Frederick quarreled over a bottle of whisky and that he stabbed him during the fight which followed.

GIRL GETS OFF EASY

Cleveland, O., Dec. 4.—Maud Wilbur, who was caught while attempting to steal a cash box containing about \$100 from a department store, was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary. Judge Lawrence, influenced by her mother's plea, gave her the minimum sentence.

HORRIBLE DEATH

New Washington, O., Dec. 4.—Alva Siefert, 22, proprietor of a flour mill, met a horrible death when his body was dismembered in the cog wheels of a corn sheller. His head, arms and legs were severed.

Stokes in Serious Condition.
New York, Dec. 4.—W. E. D. Stokes, who has been sick abed in the Adonia since Thanksgiving day, when he was taken with an attack of acute indigestion, is in a very serious condition.

Wounds Are Fatal.
Newark, O., Dec. 4.—Sidney B. Chambers, 35, who was shot by Joseph Barcko, died in a hospital. Barcko is still at large.

Losses Arm While Hunting.
Canal Dover, O., Dec. 4.—Arthur Niedenthal, 15, of Strasburg, lost his right hand and forearm by the discharge of his own gun while hunting.

OPTION ELECTIONS.
Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—Dates for local option elections in Ohio during the remainder of 1911 have been set as follows: Ashtabula county, Dec. 5; Warren, Dec. 9; Coshocton and Darke, Dec. 14; Muskingum and Belmont, Dec. 18; Tuscarawas, Dec. 21, and Wayne, Dec. 22.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beefsteers, \$4 50@5 10; Texas steers, \$4 10@5 75; western steers, \$4 00@5 75; stockers and feeders, \$3 00@5 75; cows and heifers, \$1 90@5 90. Calves—\$5 00@8 25. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$2 50@4 00; western, \$2 75@4 00; native lambs, \$4 00@6 10; western, \$4 00@6 10; yearlings, \$4 00@6 25. Hogs—Light, \$5 50@6 30; mixed, \$5 50@6 45; heavy, \$5 90@6 50; rough, \$5 90@6 10; pigs, \$4 25@5 60. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1 44@1 56; Corn—No. 2, \$1 02@1 12; Oats—No. 2, \$1 47@1 50.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Prime steers, \$7 50@8 00; shipping, \$6 25@7 25; butchers, \$5 00@6 75; heifers, \$4 00@6 00; cows, \$2 50@5 35; bulls, \$3 50@5 25; stockers and feeders, \$3 50@5 00; fresh cows and springers, \$3 00@6 50. Calves—\$9 00@10 00. Sheep and Lambs—Mixed sheep, \$3 25@3 50; wethers, \$3 75@4 00; ewes, \$3 00@3 50; lambs, \$4 75@6 40; yearlings, \$4 00@4 50. Hogs—Heavy, \$6 65@6 70; mediums, \$6 60; Yorkers, \$6 40@6 50; pigs, \$6 00; roughs, \$5 55; stags, \$4 50@5 50.

PITTSBURGH—Cattle: Choice, \$7 60@7 80; prime, \$7 20@7 50; tidy butchers, \$6 00@6 75; heifers, \$3 00@3 50; fat cows, \$2 00@4 50; bulls and stags, \$3 00@5 25; fresh cows, \$3 00@6 00. Calves—Veal, \$6 00@8 00. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$3 40@3 60; good mixed, \$3 00@3 35; lambs, \$4 00@5 80. Hogs—Heavy, \$5 50@6 55; mediums, \$6 30@6 35; heavy mixed, \$6 40; heavy Yorkers, \$6 25@6 30; light Yorkers, \$5 90@6 00; pigs, \$5 50@5 75.

CINCINNATI—Wheat: No. 2 red, 97¢; No. 2 mixed, 94¢. Corn—New No. 2 mixed, 70¢; No. 2 mixed, 69¢. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 49¢. Cattle—Steers, \$5 00@7 00; heifers, \$2 50@3 50; cows, \$2 25@4 50. Calves—\$3 00@5 25. Sheep—\$1 25@3 15. Lambs—\$3 00@5 25. Hogs—Packers, \$5 15@6 85; pigs and light, \$3 75@5 90. CLEVELAND—Cattle: Choice fat steers, \$5 00@6 50; heifers, \$4 50@5 25; fat cows, \$3 50@4 25; bulls, \$2 75@4 50; milkers and springers, \$2 00@3 00. Calves—\$5 75@9 00. Hogs—Heavy, \$5 55; mediums, \$6 00; heavy Yorkers, \$6 20; light Yorkers, \$6 00; pigs, \$5 75; roughs, \$5 75; stags, \$5 00.

DINE ON FAT OF THE LAND

McNamara Brothers Indifferent To Impending Fate

Los Angeles Citizens' Committee Busy Formulating Plans To Bring Capital And Labor Into More Friendly Relationship—Unions May Demand Accounting From Darrow In Matter Of Big Defense Funds—Another Sensation Promised

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—The McNamara brothers, confessed dynamiters, in a much more cheerful mood than they have been for weeks, feasted on turkey and ice cream in their cells. While they are now apparently indifferent to the fate that awaits them when sentences are pronounced tomorrow, the entire community is awaiting the day with intense excitement. The men are to be sentenced on election day and Job Harriman, one of their attorneys, is the Socialist candidate for mayor.

Meanwhile the citizens' committee is proceeding with its plans to bring about better industrial conditions in Los Angeles and abolish, if possible, much of the hatred and bitterness that has been engendered. A meeting will be held this evening and the plans for a joint conference of employers and laborers will be considered.

Burns operatives are taking the initiative in the way of asking clemency for McNamagal. However, the district attorney's office will make no statement regarding McNamagal at this time, saying that "he must take his medicine."

It is said that McNamagal will not be prosecuted at Los Angeles, but will be used at a witness in the federal case at Indianapolis.

MAY ASK ACCOUNTING

Unions Want to Know How Darrow Spent Fund.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—Union labor of Los Angeles will demand an accounting of the funds it has contributed to the defense fund of the McNamara brothers. The first move to be made by the men of this city who have contributed will be made through the executive board of the Central Labor council.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, through whose hands the major portion of the money expended is presumed to have passed, will be called on by a committee from the central labor body to show what disposition he has made of the money that has poured into the hands of the battery of attorneys that have represented the defense.

What specific action will be taken further than the passing of the resolution calling for the investigation and the appointing of a committee to have charge of the matter, is but a conjecture, as labor leaders said they hardly knew as yet what would be done.

HOW TO USE DEFENSE FUND

Money Raised For McNamaras May Be Given to Explosion Sufferers.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—From many directions comes repeatedly the question, "What will be done with the large sum of money collected for the defense of the McNamaras which has been expended only partially?" Many suggestions are made, the most popular of which coming simultaneously from several sources, was to divide the remaining portion of fund among those were dependent on the unfortunates who lost their lives in the explosion of Oct. 1, 1910.

Some of the relatives of the men killed in the disaster, through attorneys, began suits against the newspaper for damages. They based their actions on the theory that the building was destroyed by a gas explosion. The pleas of guilty rendered useless the defense fund for the purpose for which it was contributed, but at the same time the confessions have de-

ORTIE M'NAGAL

Would Have Been Star Witness in the McNamara Trial.



stroyed any hope of recovery on the damage suits begun in the courts, and some of the plaintiffs are in need.

MUM'S THE WORD

Compers Positively Refuses to Discuss McNamara Confessions.

New York, Dec. 4.—President Samuel Compers of the American Federation of Labor said that he had stopped talking about the McNamara case. He illustrated his determination when reporters tried to question him at the hotel Victoria by answering "I have nothing to say" to every inquiry. He qualified this by saying that he might at some future time write a detailed statement of his attitude in the McNamara case.

GOVERNMENT IS BUSY

Prosecutor Predicts Big Sensation at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—The United States government and California authorities are co-operating to uncover one of the most gigantic conspiracies ever conceived in the history of this country.

This was the declaration of Assistant District Attorney W. Joseph Ford, second in command to District Attorney John D. Fredericks and the man who was arrested in Indianapolis for alleged illegal extradition of John J. McNamara.

CONDITION SERIOUS

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.—That the first diagnosis of Hugh Jennings' condition was correct, was borne out when the Detroit baseball manager gave evidence of suffering from what his attendants fear may be an extremely serious concussion of the brain. Jennings was injured in an automobile accident.

LOS ANGELES ON EVE OF IMPORTANT ELECTION

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—This city is within a few hours of what will be the most momentous municipal election in its history. The ballot will be taken tomorrow. Socialism and prohibition are the main issues.

Job Harriman, Socialist, and formerly attorney for the McNamara brothers, is candidate for mayor,

with a full Socialist ticket behind him. On the other side is the good government ticket, headed by Mayor George Alexander, which, from top to bottom, yielded first place in the choice of the voters at the primaries on Oct. 31. At that time Harriman received a plurality of more than 600 over Alexander.

ELIOT JOLTS HARVARD

Cambridge, Dec. 4.—The Harvard undergraduate body received a decided jolt when Samuel Atkins Eliot, Jr., grandson of Harvard's illustrious ex-president, walked into the spacious dining room of the Harvard union with Miss Emma Goldman, the exponent of anarchism, leaning on his arm. With the pair came Dr. Ben Reitman, Miss Goldman's traveling companion, and a number of other students. Many of the other diners were taken at complete surprise, and although some left their places, the majority remained to look and listen.

STREETCAR HITS TRAIN

Springfield, O., Dec. 4.—In a blinding snowstorm a car of the Springfield railway lines crashed into the side of a Detroit, Toledo & Ironton passenger train. Frank Wilson of this city and William Enoch, engineer of the passenger train, were injured.

Advance Guard Arrives.
Teheran, Dec. 4.—Russia's advance guard has arrived here. A company of Cossacks, ostensibly to protect the Russian legation, arrived without any previous warning.